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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 2195

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS:PINT, PEPRN GB, DM
SUBJECT: BENIN SITUATION

REF: LIBREVILLE 2152 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING OUTBURST OF LAST WEEKEND, BENINESE SITUATION HAS REVERTED TO AN UNEASY CLAM AGAIN. SUBJECT HAS LARGELY DISAPPEARED FROM MEDIA, EXCEPT FOR BRIEF STATEMENT ON RADIO ONLY AUG 8 THAT EVACUATION IS CONTINUING. ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, THERE WERE 700 TO BE EMBARKED ON VARIOUS AIRCRAFT ON AUG 7, AND TOTAL NUMBER OF THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY LEFT LIBREVILLE IS 1200.

2. RE LIBREVILLE 2161 (NOTAL) BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH HAVE
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ALSO BEEN ASKED PROVIDE NAMES OF CARRIERS THAT GOG CAN CONTACT FOR CHARTER PURPOSES (PERHAPS FRG AS WELL). MEANWHILE, GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER LANSANA BEAVOGUI ARRIVED LIBREVILLE EVENING AUG 7 WITH LETTER FROM SEKOU TOURE FOR BONGO. ACCORDING PRESS, MESSAGE CONCERNS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GABON AND BENIN, AND READERS ARE ASKED TO "RECALL" THAT SEKOU TOURE OFFERED TO MEDIATE PROBLEM WHILE STILL AT KHARTOUM. BEAVOGUI, ACCOMPANIED BY GOG PRIMIN

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MEBIAME, VISITED BENINESE AT LYCEE DE L'ESTUAIRE AFTERNOON
AUG 8. BEAVOGUI WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BONGO
WERE "FRUITFUL."

3. WE UNDERSTAND AIR AFRIQUE HAS PUT ON ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS TO
TAKE OUT BENINESE. LOCAL RUMOR THAT AIR ZAIRE WAS DOING SO AS
WELL, HOWEVER, WAS DENIED BY LOCAL AIR ZAIRE REP, WHO TOLD US
KINSHASA OFFICE (AND PRESUMABLY GOZ) DID NOT WANT TO B INVOLVED.

4. FOR DEPT: APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE TO LIBREVILLE 2161.
FYI, WHEN BRITISH AND FRENCH WERE ASKED BY FONMIN, BOTH CAUTIONED
HIM THAT THIS WAS HEIGHT OF TOURIST SEASON, AND AIRCRAFT MAY
BE HARD TO FIND. TIENKEN

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